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NASHVILLE – Tennessee's January unemployment rate of 4.2 percent, down one-tenth of a percentage point over December, was released on February 22. County unemployment rates released today showed that two county rates were down and 93 county rates were up over the month.

Williamson County at 2.2 percent, up from 1.8 percent, registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate. Fentress County at 14.8 percent, up from 11.9 percent, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.4 percent, up from 1.9 percent, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County reported a 2.9 percent rate, up from 2.6 percent. Davidson County reported a 3.0 percent rate, up from 2.7 percent, while Shelby County reported a 4.2 percent rate, up from 3.8 percent.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter "http://www.state.tn.us/laborwfd/labor\_figures."

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